

Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Investment Strategies Committee

Draft Meeting Summary

FOR REVIEW AND ACTION

December 8, 1999

Present: Dale Stedman, Chair, Bill Lampson, Vice-Chair, Ted Bottiger, Don Briscoe, Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Peter Hurley, Charles Mott, Patricia Otley

Absent: Bettie Ingham, John Kelly, Representative Maryann Mitchell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 14 meeting and made some revisions. The Committee then approved the minutes as amended.

The Committee was presented with the following proposed meeting dates for the year 2000, and were asked to inform consultant staff of their conflicts:

Wednesday, January 12, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon; Full Commission (Olympia)
Tuesday, February 8, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon
Wednesday, March 1, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, April 4, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, May 9, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon
Thursday, May 18, 2000	Full Commission Retreat
Tuesday, June 6, 2000	8:30 a.m. – Noon

The Chair recognized that some members of the Committee will not be able to attend every meeting. Some Committee members expressed concern over changing from the previously established schedule of meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. *[Please note that some of these proposed meeting dates have since changed; the new meeting dates will be presented at the meeting on January 12, 2000.]*

Committee Options

Jerry Cormick, consultant to the Commission, assisted the Committee in developing policy options. Staff prepared policy matrices for the Committee to use in discussing

different options for each of the findings in the **Needs Exceed Funding** and **Maintenance and Preservation of Transportation Facilities** topic areas. The Committee reviewed each option and listed, as a first cut, those options deemed essential to the overall package.

The options rated as essential in the **Needs Exceed Funding** area included the following:

- Better coordination among planning, funding, and decision-making;
- Employ user fees where appropriate;
- Authorize local/regional option revenue authority;
- Use of cost-benefit analysis of transportation needs at all levels of government and across modes to identify the most cost effective transportation investments;
- Establish regional priorities and adopt a corridor approach;
- Greater flexibility for all transportation funding sources;
- New policies should hold harmless existing funding.

Of those options discussed in the **Maintenance** area, the following were rated essential:

- Priority funding for basic maintenance and preservation at state and local levels;
- Use of Pavement Management Systems at all levels;
- Use of standards for utility cuts.

Public Outreach Presentation

Anne Fennessy, consultant to the Commission, presented the media packet and PowerPoint presentation that Commissioners will use in speaking to the public over the next year. The presentation provides an overview of the Commission and its work to date as well as its plans for the next year. Fennessy encouraged Commission members to share the information contained in the packet and slide show with local newsletters or other organizations. The presentation is available to Commission members on slides or in digital format on a CD-ROM.

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.